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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT,
THE CARRY-OVER OF EDUCATION COST SHARING
ACCOUNTABILITY FUNDS AND THE REPEAL OF AN OBSOLETE
PUBLIC ACT SECTION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 10-262i of the 2008 supplement
4 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
5 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

6 (e) The percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this section
7 applicable under subsection (d) shall be the average of the results of (1)
8 (A) a town's current program expenditures per resident student
9 pursuant to subdivision (36) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement
10 to the general statutes, subtracted from the highest current program
11 expenditures per resident student in this state, (B) divided by the
12 difference between the highest current program expenditures per

13 resident student in this state and the lowest current program
14 expenditures per resident student in this state, (C) multiplied by fifty
15 per cent, (D) plus fifteen percentage points, (2) (A) a town's wealth
16 pursuant to subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement
17 to the general statutes, subtracted from the wealth of the town with the
18 highest wealth of all towns in this state, (B) divided by the difference
19 between the wealth of the town with the highest wealth of all towns in
20 this state and the wealth of the town with the lowest wealth of all
21 towns in this state, (C) multiplied by fifty per cent, (D) plus fifteen
22 percentage points, and (3) (A) a town's grant mastery percentage
23 pursuant to subdivision (12) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement
24 to the general statutes, subtracted from one, subtracted from one
25 minus the grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest grant
26 mastery percentage in this state, (B) divided by the difference between
27 one minus the grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest
28 grant mastery percentage in this state and one minus the grant mastery
29 percentage of the town with the lowest grant mastery percentage in
30 this state, (C) multiplied by fifty per cent, (D) plus fifteen percentage
31 points. For any town whose school district is in its third year or more
32 of being identified as in need of improvement pursuant to section 10-
33 223e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and has failed to
34 make adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole
35 district level, the percentage determined pursuant to this subsection
36 for such town shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage
37 points. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, charter,
38 special act or home rule ordinance, on or before September 15, 2007,
39 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a town may request the
40 Commissioner of Education to defer a portion of the town's increase in
41 aid over the prior fiscal year pursuant to this section to be expended in
42 the subsequent fiscal year. If the commissioner approves such request,
43 the deferred amount shall be credited to the increase in aid for the
44 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rather than the fiscal year ending June
45 30, 2008. Such funds shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June
46 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of this section. In no case
47 shall a town be allowed to defer increases in aid required to be spent

48 for education as a result of failure to make adequate yearly progress in
49 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. Notwithstanding
50 the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008,
51 and June 30, 2009, any town that (i) is a member of a regional school
52 district that serves only grades seven to twelve, inclusive, or grades
53 nine to twelve, inclusive, (ii) appropriates at least the minimum
54 percentage of increase in aid pursuant to the provisions of this section,
55 and (iii) has a reduced assessment from the previous fiscal year for
56 students enrolled in such regional school district, excluding debt
57 service for such students, shall be considered to be in compliance with
58 the provisions of this section.

59 Sec. 2. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the 2008
60 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
61 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

62 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year
63 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the amount of its target aid as
64 described in subdivision (32) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement
65 to the general statutes except that such amount shall be capped in
66 accordance with the following: (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30,
67 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the
68 maximum percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue
69 shall be the product of five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the
70 town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in
71 descending order to each town's wealth, provided no town shall
72 receive an increase greater than five per cent. (B) For the fiscal years
73 ending June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, and
74 June 30, 2004, for each town, the maximum percentage increase over its
75 previous year's base revenue shall be the product of six per cent and
76 the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third
77 when all towns are ranked in descending order to each town's wealth,
78 provided no town shall receive an increase greater than six per cent.
79 (C) No such cap shall be used for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,
80 or any fiscal year thereafter. (D) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
81 1996, for each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its

82 previous year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of three per
83 cent and the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town
84 ranked seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order,
85 provided no town's grant shall be reduced by more than three per cent.
86 (E) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30,
87 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its
88 previous year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of five per
89 cent and the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town
90 ranked seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order,
91 provided no town's grant shall be reduced by more than five per cent.
92 (F) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year
93 thereafter, no town's grant shall be less than the grant it received for
94 the prior fiscal year. (G) For each fiscal year prior to the fiscal year
95 ending June 30, 2008, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, in
96 addition to the amount determined pursuant to this subdivision, a
97 town shall be eligible for a density supplement if the density of the
98 town is greater than the average density of all towns in the state. The
99 density supplement shall be determined by multiplying the density aid
100 ratio of the town by the foundation level and the town's total need
101 students for the prior fiscal year provided, for the fiscal year ending
102 June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's density
103 supplement shall be less than the density supplement such town
104 received for the prior fiscal year. (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
105 1997, the grant determined in accordance with this subdivision for a
106 town ranked one to forty-two when all towns are ranked in
107 descending order according to town wealth shall be further reduced by
108 one and two-hundredths of a per cent and such grant for all other
109 towns shall be further reduced by fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. (I)
110 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter,
111 no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a
112 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than the
113 amount received under such grant for the prior fiscal year. (J) For the
114 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year through the fiscal
115 year ending June 30, 2003, no town whose school district is a priority
116 school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that

117 provides an amount of aid per resident student that is less than the
118 amount of aid per resident student provided under the grant received
119 for the prior fiscal year. (K) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998,
120 and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a
121 priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this
122 subdivision in an amount that is less than seventy per cent of the sum
123 of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and
124 the town's total need students for the fiscal year prior to the year in
125 which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product of a town's supplemental
126 aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total
127 need students count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
128 subdivision (25) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the
129 general statutes for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the
130 grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count
131 described in subdivision (22) of said section 10-262f of the 2008
132 supplement to the general statutes relative to length of school year and
133 summer school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (L) For the
134 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no
135 town whose school district is a transitional school district shall receive
136 a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than forty
137 per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the
138 foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal year
139 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product
140 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of
141 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs
142 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f of the 2008
143 supplement to the general statutes for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal
144 year in which the grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its
145 resident student count described in subdivision (22) of said section
146 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes relative to length
147 of school year and summer school sessions, and (iii) the town's
148 regional bonus. (M) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, (i) each
149 town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall
150 receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of twenty-five million
151 dollars based on the difference between its target aid and the amount

152 of the grant determined with the cap, and (ii) all towns shall receive a
153 grant that is at least 1.68 per cent greater than the grant they received
154 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. (N) For the fiscal year ending
155 June 30, 2003, (i) each town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this
156 subdivision shall receive a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based
157 on the difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant
158 determined with the cap, and (ii) each town shall receive a grant that is
159 at least 1.2 per cent more than its base revenue, as defined in
160 subdivision (28) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the
161 general statutes. (O) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each town
162 shall receive a grant that is at least equal to the grant it received for the
163 prior fiscal year. (P) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (i) each
164 town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall
165 receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of fifty million dollars
166 based on the difference between its target aid and the amount of the
167 grant determined with the cap, (ii) each town's grant including the cap
168 supplement shall be reduced by three per cent, (iii) the towns of
169 Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven shall each receive a grant that is
170 equal to the grant such towns received for the prior fiscal year plus one
171 million dollars, (iv) those towns described in clause (i) of this
172 subparagraph shall receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of
173 three million dollars based on the same pro rata basis as used in said
174 clause (i), (v) towns whose school districts are priority school districts
175 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the 2008 supplement to
176 the general statutes or transitional school districts pursuant to section
177 10-263c or who are eligible for grants under section 10-276a or 10-263d
178 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002, to June 30, 2004, inclusive,
179 shall receive grants that are at least equal to the grants they received
180 for the prior fiscal year, (vi) towns not receiving funds under clause
181 (iii) of this subparagraph shall receive a pro rata share of any
182 remaining funds based on their grant determined under this
183 subparagraph. (Q) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, (i) no town
184 shall receive a grant pursuant to this subparagraph in an amount that
185 is less than sixty per cent of the amount determined pursuant to the
186 previous subparagraphs of this subdivision, (ii) notwithstanding the

187 provisions of subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, each town shall
188 receive a grant that is equal to the amount the town received for the
189 prior fiscal year increased by twenty-three and twenty-seven
190 hundredths per cent of the difference between the grant amount
191 calculated pursuant to this subdivision and the amount the town
192 received for the prior fiscal year, (iii) no town whose school district is a
193 priority school district pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p of
194 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes shall receive a grant
195 pursuant to this subdivision that is less than three hundred seventy
196 dollars per resident student, and (iv) each town shall receive a grant
197 that is at least the greater of the amount of the grant it received for the
198 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, or the amount of the grant it received
199 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, increased by seven tenths per
200 cent, except that the town of Winchester shall not receive less than its
201 fixed entitlement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. (R)
202 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years
203 ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, each town shall receive a grant
204 that is equal to the amount of the grant the town received for the fiscal
205 year ending June 30, 2005, increased by two per cent plus the amount
206 specified in section 33 of public act 05-245*, provided for the fiscal year
207 ending June 30, 2007, no town shall receive a grant in an amount that is
208 less than sixty per cent of the amount of its target aid as described in
209 subdivision (32) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the
210 general statutes. (S) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a grant in
211 an amount equal to the sum of (i) the town's base aid, and (ii)
212 seventeen and thirty-one one-hundredths per cent of the difference
213 between the town's fully funded grant as described in subdivision (33)
214 of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and
215 its base aid, except that such per cent shall be adjusted for all towns so
216 that no town shall receive a grant that is less than the amount of the
217 grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007,
218 increased by four and four tenths per cent. (T) For the fiscal year
219 ending June 30, 2009, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the
220 town's base aid, and (ii) [twenty-three and three tenths] twenty-two
221 and two one-hundredths per cent of the difference between the fully

222 funded grant as described in said subdivision (33) of section 10-262f of
223 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and its base aid, except
224 that such per cent shall be adjusted for all towns so that no town shall
225 receive a grant that is less than the amount of the grant the town
226 received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, increased by four and
227 four tenths per cent.

228 Sec. 3. Subsection (g) of section 10-266p of the 2008 supplement to
229 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
230 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

231 (g) In addition to the amounts allocated in subsection (a) and
232 subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending
233 June 30, [2007] 2009, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Board of
234 Education shall allocate four million [seven hundred fifty thousand
235 nine hundred ninety] one hundred sixty thousand one hundred
236 twenty-two dollars as follows: Each priority school district shall
237 receive an allocation based on the ratio of the amount it is eligible to
238 receive pursuant to subsection (a) and subsections (c) to (f), inclusive,
239 of this section to the total amount all priority school districts are
240 eligible to receive pursuant to said subsection (a) and said subsections
241 (c) to (f), inclusive.

242 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 10-16p of the 2008 supplement to the
243 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
244 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

245 (e) (1) [Priority] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, priority
246 school districts and former priority school districts shall receive grants
247 based on [their proportional share of] the sum of the products obtained
248 by [multiplying the average number of enrolled kindergarten students
249 in each priority school district and in each former priority school
250 district for the three years prior to the year the grant is to be paid, by
251 the ratio of the average percentage of free and reduced price meals for
252 all severe need schools in such district to the minimum percentage
253 requirement for severe need school eligibility, provided no such school

254 district shall receive a grant that is less than the grant it received for
255 the prior fiscal year, including any supplemental grants received in the
256 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, or a grant that is less than one
257 hundred fifty thousand dollars] (A) multiplying the district's number
258 of contracted slots on March 30, 2008, by the per child cost pursuant to
259 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the 2008
260 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, except that
261 such per child cost shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-
262 round, and (B) multiplying the number of additional slots the districts
263 have requested for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, by the per child
264 cost pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of said section 10-16q,
265 except such per child cost shall be reduced for slots that are less than
266 year-round. If said sum exceeds the available appropriation, such
267 number of requested additional slots shall be reduced, as determined
268 by the Commissioner of Education, to stay within the available
269 appropriation.

270 [(2) The Department of Education may retain up to five-tenths of
271 one per cent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section
272 for coordination, program evaluation and administration.]

273 [(3)] (2) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
274 this section are not expended, the Commissioner of Education may use
275 such unexpended funds to support local school readiness programs.
276 The commissioner may use such funds for purposes including, but not
277 limited to, (A) assisting local school readiness programs in meeting
278 and maintaining accreditation requirements, (B) providing training in
279 implementing the preschool assessment and curriculum frameworks,
280 including training to enhance literacy teaching skills, (C) developing a
281 state-wide preschool curriculum, (D) developing student assessments
282 for students in grades kindergarten to two, inclusive, (E) developing
283 and implementing best practices for parents in supporting preschool
284 and kindergarten student learning, (F) developing and implementing
285 strategies for children to transition from preschool to kindergarten, (G)
286 providing for professional development, including assisting in career
287 ladder advancement, for school readiness staff, and (H) providing

288 supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for grants
289 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

290 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) Notwithstanding subdivision ~~[(3)]~~ (2) of this subsection, for
291 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the
292 Department of Education may retain up to one hundred ninety-eight
293 thousand two hundred dollars of the amount appropriated for
294 purposes of this section for coordination, program evaluation and
295 administration.

296 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the 2008 supplement to the
297 general statutes, as amended by house bill 5824 of the current session,
298 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
299 *1, 2008*):

300 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of
301 the Department of Education school readiness component of the
302 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six
303 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.

304 (2) For fiscal year ending June 30, ~~[2008]~~ 2009, the per child cost of
305 the Department of Education school readiness ~~[component of the]~~
306 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed ~~[six~~
307 thousand nine hundred twenty-five dollars, except that such per child
308 cost shall be increased for the month of January, 2008, and each month
309 thereafter. The increase shall be determined by the department so that
310 the cost of the increase shall equal fifty per cent of what the
311 department estimates on January 1, 2008, will be unspent by June 30,
312 2008, from the appropriation for purposes of subsection (c) of section
313 10-16p. In no event shall such increase cause the per child cost to
314 exceed eight thousand two hundred sixty-six] eight thousand three
315 hundred forty-six dollars.

316 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section 10-
317 16p of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, the Department of
318 Education shall not provide funding to any school readiness provider
319 that (A) on or before January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a

town to provide school readiness services pursuant to this section and is not accredited on January 1, 2007, or (B) after January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to this section and does not become accredited by the date three years after the date on which the provider first entered into such a contract, except that the Commissioner of Education may grant an extension of time for a school readiness program to become accredited or reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such extension, the Department of Education conducts an on-site assessment of any such program and maintains a report of such assessment completed in a uniform manner, as prescribed by the commissioner, that includes a list of conditions such program must fulfill to become accredited or reaccredited, (ii) the program is licensed by the Department of Public Health if required to be licensed by chapter 368a, (iii) the program has a corrective action plan that shall be prescribed by and monitored by the Commissioner of Education, and (iv) the program meets such other conditions as may be prescribed by the commissioner. During the period of such extension, such program shall be eligible for funding pursuant to said section 10-16p, as amended by [this act] section 1 of house bill 5824 of the current session.

(4) A school readiness provider may provide child day care services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject to such per child cost limitation.

Sec. 6. Subsections (n) to (q), inclusive, of section 10-266aa of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

(n) The Commissioner of Education may provide grants for children in the Hartford program described in this section to participate in [an] preschool and all day kindergarten [program] programs. In addition to the subsidy provided to the receiving district for educational services, such grants may be used for the provision of before and after-school care and remedial services for the preschool and kindergarten students participating in the program.

353 [(o) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
354 grants for kindergarten and preschool programs in the Sheff region
355 which are approved by the commissioner for students participating in
356 the program pursuant to this section.]

357 [(p)] (o) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may
358 make grants for academic student support for programs pursuant to
359 this section [in the Sheff region approved by the Commissioner of
360 Education] that assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008
361 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
362 as determined by the commissioner.

363 [(q) For purposes of this section, "Sheff region" means the school
364 districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East
365 Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,
366 Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South
367 Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and
368 Windsor Locks.]

369 Sec. 7. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 10-264l of the 2008
370 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
371 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

372 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
373 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
374 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
375 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
376 behalf of [Manchester] Quinebaug Valley Community College, and (D)
377 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (2) in
378 assisting the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
379 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined
380 by the Commissioner of Education, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees
381 of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional
382 community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the
383 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (D)
384 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of

385 the university, (D) the board of governors for an independent college
386 or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a
387 board, on behalf of the independent college or university, and (E) any
388 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
389 commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school
390 programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in
391 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public
392 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school
393 program" means a program which [(1)] (i) supports racial, ethnic and
394 economic diversity, [(2)] (ii) offers a special and high quality
395 curriculum, and [(3)] (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend
396 at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does not
397 include a regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and
398 technology school, a regional vocational-technical school or a regional
399 special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the governing
400 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that is in
401 operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of students
402 that may enroll in the program from a participating district to eighty
403 per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing
404 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins
405 operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall [(A)] restrict the number of
406 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to
407 seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and [(B)]
408 maintain such a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but
409 not more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils
410 of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a.

411 (b) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program operating
412 grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted annually to
413 the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as the
414 commissioner prescribes. In determining whether an application shall
415 be approved and funds awarded pursuant to this section, the
416 commissioner shall consider, but such consideration shall not be
417 limited to: (1) Whether the program offered by the school is likely to
418 increase student achievement; (2) whether the program is likely to

419 reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation; (3) the percentage of the
420 student enrollment in the program from each participating district;
421 and (4) the proposed operating budget and the sources of funding for
422 the interdistrict magnet school. In the case of an interdistrict magnet
423 school that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008
424 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
425 as determined by the commissioner, the commissioner shall also
426 consider whether the school is meeting the desegregation standards set
427 forth in said stipulation and order. If such school has not met the
428 desegregation standards by the second year of operation, it shall not be
429 entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this section unless the
430 commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a grant for an
431 additional year or years for purposes of compliance with said
432 stipulation and order. If requested by the commissioner, the applicant
433 shall meet with the commissioner or the commissioner's designee to
434 discuss the budget and sources of funding. [The] Except as provided in
435 this section, the commissioner shall not award a grant to a program
436 that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, if more than eighty per cent of
437 its total enrollment is from one school district, except that the
438 commissioner may award a grant for good cause, for any one year, on
439 behalf of an otherwise eligible magnet school program, if more than
440 eighty per cent of the total enrollment is from one district. The
441 commissioner shall not award a grant to a program that begins
442 operations on or after July 1, 2005, if more than seventy-five per cent of
443 its total enrollment is from one school district or if less than twenty-
444 five or more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are
445 pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a, except that the
446 commissioner may award a grant for good cause, for one year, on
447 behalf of an otherwise eligible interdistrict magnet school program, if
448 more than seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment is from one
449 district or less than twenty-five or more than seventy-five per cent of
450 the students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities. The commissioner
451 may not award grants pursuant to such an exception for a second
452 consecutive year except as provided for in the 2008 stipulation for Milo
453 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neil, et al., as determined by the

454 commissioner.

455 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
456 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
457 subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per
458 enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the
459 magnet school shall be (A) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal
460 year ending June 30, 2008, (B) six thousand seven hundred thirty
461 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, (C) seven thousand four
462 hundred forty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (D)
463 eight thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars for the fiscal year
464 ending June 30, 2011. The per pupil grant for each enrolled student
465 who is a resident of the town operating the magnet school program
466 shall be three thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,
467 and each fiscal year thereafter.

468 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year
469 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
470 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing
471 educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the
472 commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the
473 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total operating budget
474 for such schools, including all revenue and expenditure estimates.

475 (3) (A) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
476 educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five per cent of the
477 school's students from a single town, or a regional educational service
478 center that enrolls less than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford
479 pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff et al. v.
480 William A. O'Neill, et al., shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount
481 of (i) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the fiscal year ending
482 June 30, 2006, (ii) six thousand five hundred dollars for the fiscal year
483 ending June 30, 2007, (iii) seven thousand sixty dollars for the fiscal
484 year ending June 30, 2008, (iv) seven thousand six hundred twenty
485 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, (v) eight thousand one
486 hundred eighty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (vi)

487 eight thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars for the fiscal year
488 ending June 30, 2011.

489 (B) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
490 educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the
491 school's students from a single town, or a regional educational service
492 center that enrolls at least sixty per cent of its students from Hartford
493 pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff et al. v.
494 William A. O'Neill, et al., shall receive a per pupil grant for each
495 enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that enrolls at least
496 fifty-five per cent of the school's students in the amount of (i) six
497 thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (ii) six
498 thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the fiscal year ending June
499 30, 2009, (iii) seven thousand four hundred forty dollars for the fiscal
500 year ending June 30, 2010, and (iv) eight thousand one hundred fifty-
501 eight dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. The per pupil
502 grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that
503 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students shall be three
504 thousand dollars.

505 (C) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
506 educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the
507 school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in
508 an amount that is at least three thousand dollars for the fiscal year
509 ending June 30, 2006, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

510 (4) The amounts of the grants determined pursuant to this
511 subsection shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within
512 available appropriations, and in no case shall any grant pursuant to
513 this section exceed the reasonable operating budget of the interdistrict
514 magnet school program, less revenues from other sources. Any
515 interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but
516 at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five
517 per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

518 (5) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make

519 grants to [regional educational service centers] the following entities
520 that operate an interdistrict magnet school that assists the state in
521 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
522 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner and
523 that provide academic support programs and summer school
524 educational programs approved by the commissioner to students
525 participating in [the] such interdistrict magnet school program: (A)
526 Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of
527 education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
528 Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the
529 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf
530 of a state university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of
531 Connecticut on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for
532 an independent college or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or
533 the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent college or
534 university, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a,
535 and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by
536 the commissioner.

537 (6) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education
538 may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand
539 dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of new
540 interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting
541 the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
542 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner, to the
543 following entities that develop such a program: (A) Regional
544 educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of education,
545 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
546 behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the Board of
547 Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state
548 university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
549 on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for an
550 independent college or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the
551 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent college or
552 university, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a,

553 and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by
554 the commissioner.

555 (d) Grants made pursuant to this section, except those made
556 pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection (c) of this section, shall be
557 paid as follows: Fifty per cent by September first and the balance by
558 January first of each fiscal year. The January first payment shall be
559 adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet school program
560 enrollment as of the preceding October first, if the actual level of
561 enrollment is lower than the projected enrollment stated in the
562 approved grant application.

563 Sec. 8. Section 10-264i of the general statutes is repealed and the
564 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

565 (a) (1) A local or regional board of education, (2) regional
566 educational service center, (3) the Board of Trustees of the
567 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of [Manchester] Quinebaug
568 Valley Community College, [or] (4) cooperative arrangement pursuant
569 to section 10-158a, or (5) to assist the state in meeting the goals of the
570 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
571 al., as determined by the Commissioner of Education, (A) the Board of
572 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional
573 community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the
574 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (C)
575 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of
576 the university, (D) the board of governors for an independent college
577 or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a
578 board, on behalf of the independent college or university, and (E) any
579 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
580 commissioner which transports a child to an interdistrict magnet
581 school program, as defined in section 10-264i of the 2008 supplement
582 to the general statutes, in a town other than the town in which the
583 child resides shall be eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a
584 grant for the cost of transporting such child in accordance with this
585 section. The amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to

586 the number of such children transported multiplied by one thousand
587 three hundred dollars. The Department of Education shall provide
588 such grants within available appropriations. Nothing in this subsection
589 shall be construed to prevent a local or regional board of education,
590 regional educational service center or cooperative arrangement from
591 receiving reimbursement under section 10-266m of the 2008
592 supplement to the general statutes for reasonable transportation
593 expenses for which such board, service center or cooperative
594 arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this section.

595 (b) Grants under this section shall be contingent on documented
596 costs of providing such transportation. Eligible local and regional
597 boards of education, regional educational service centers and
598 cooperative arrangements shall submit applications for grants under
599 this section to the Commissioner of Education in such form and at such
600 times as he prescribes. Grants pursuant to this section shall be paid as
601 follows: In October one-half of the estimated eligible transportation
602 costs and the balance of such costs in May.

603 (c) Each local and regional board of education, regional educational
604 service center and cooperative arrangement participating in the grant
605 program shall prepare a financial statement of expenditures which
606 shall be submitted to the Department of Education on or before
607 September first of the fiscal year immediately following each fiscal
608 year in which the school district, regional educational service center or
609 cooperative arrangement participates in the grant program. Based on
610 such statement, any underpayment or overpayment may be calculated
611 and adjusted by the Department of Education in the grant for any
612 subsequent year.

613 [(d) The Department of Education may retain up to one per cent of
614 the amount appropriated pursuant to this section for program
615 evaluation and administration.]

616 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Notwithstanding subdivision (8) of
617 subsection (d) of section 10-66bb of the 2008 supplement to the general

618 statutes, if approved by the State Board of Education for operation as a
619 state charter school, as defined in section 10-66aa of the general
620 statutes, the Asylum Hill Charter School may, during its first year of
621 operation, directly enroll students currently enrolled in their
622 prekindergarten program without operating a lottery and any
623 remaining unfilled seats shall be filled by lottery.

624 Sec. 10. Section 10-66ee of the 2008 supplement to the general
625 statutes is amended by adding subsection (l) as follows (*Effective July 1,*
626 *2008*):

627 (NEW) (l) Within available appropriations, the state may provide a
628 grant in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars to any
629 newly approved state charter school that assists the state in meeting
630 the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
631 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of
632 Education, for start-up costs associated with the new charter school
633 program.

634 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Commissioner of Education may
635 transfer funds appropriated in section 11 of public act 07-1 of the June
636 special session for the Sheff Settlement to the following: Grants for
637 interdistrict cooperative programs pursuant to section 10-74d of the
638 general statutes, grants for state charter schools pursuant to section 10-
639 66ee of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this
640 act, grants for the interdistrict public school attendance program
641 pursuant to section 10-266aa of the 2008 supplement to the general
642 statutes, grants for interdistrict magnet schools pursuant to section 10-
643 264l of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this
644 act, and to the regional vocational-technical schools for programming
645 to assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order
646 for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.

647 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the 2008 supplement to
648 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (5) as follows
649 (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

650 (NEW) (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
651 Commissioner of Education may provide grants, within available
652 appropriations, in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars per
653 pupil, to local and regional boards of education and regional
654 educational service centers that transport Hartford students out-of-
655 district to a regional vocational-technical school or a regional
656 agricultural science and technology education center to assist the state
657 in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
658 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner, for
659 the costs associated with such transportation.

660 Sec. 13. Subsection (e) of section 10-262i of the 2008 supplement to
661 the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of this act, is repealed
662 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

663 (e) [The] (1) Except as provided for in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of
664 this subsection, the percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this
665 section applicable under subsection (d) shall be the average of the
666 results of [(1)] (A) (i) a town's current program expenditures per
667 resident student pursuant to subdivision (36) of section 10-262f of the
668 2008 supplement to the general statutes, subtracted from the highest
669 current program expenditures per resident student in this state, [(B)]
670 (ii) divided by the difference between the highest current program
671 expenditures per resident student in this state and the lowest current
672 program expenditures per resident student in this state, [(C)] (iii)
673 multiplied by [fifty] thirty per cent, [(D)] (iv) plus [fifteen] fifty
674 percentage points, [(2) (A)] (B) (i) a town's wealth pursuant to
675 subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the
676 general statutes, subtracted from the wealth of the town with the
677 highest wealth of all towns in this state, [(B)] (ii) divided by the
678 difference between the wealth of the town with the highest wealth of
679 all towns in this state and the wealth of the town with the lowest
680 wealth of all towns in this state, [(C)] (iii) multiplied by [fifty] thirty
681 per cent, [(D)] (iv) plus [fifteen] fifty percentage points, and [(3) (A)]
682 (C) (i) a town's grant mastery percentage pursuant to subdivision (12)
683 of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes,

684 subtracted from one, subtracted from one minus the grant mastery
685 percentage of the town with the highest grant mastery percentage in
686 this state, [(B)] (ii) divided by the difference between one minus the
687 grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest grant mastery
688 percentage in this state and one minus the grant mastery percentage of
689 the town with the lowest grant mastery percentage in this state, [(C)]
690 (iii) multiplied by [fifty] thirty per cent, [(D)] (iv) plus [fifteen] fifty
691 percentage points.

692 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, any town whose school
693 district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of
694 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e of the 2008 supplement to
695 the general statutes, and has failed to make adequate yearly progress
696 in mathematics or reading at the whole district level, the percentage
697 determined pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection for such
698 town shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

699 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, any town whose school
700 district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of
701 improvement pursuant to section 10-223e of the 2008 supplement to
702 the general statutes, and has failed to make adequate yearly progress
703 in mathematics or reading at the whole district level, the percentage of
704 the increase in aid pursuant to this section applicable under subsection
705 (d) of this section shall be the percentage of the increase determined
706 under subdivision (1) of this section for such town, plus twenty
707 percentage points, or eighty per cent, whichever is greater.

708 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year
709 ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, any town that (A)
710 is a member of a regional school district that serves only grades seven
711 to twelve, inclusive, or grades nine to twelve, inclusive, (B)
712 appropriates at least the minimum percentage of increase in aid
713 pursuant to the provisions of this section, and (C) has a reduced
714 assessment from the previous fiscal year for students enrolled in such
715 regional school district, excluding debt service for such students, shall
716 be considered to be in compliance with the provisions of this section.

717 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, charter,
718 special act or home rule ordinance, on or before September 15, 2007,
719 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a town may request the
720 Commissioner of Education to defer a portion of the town's increase in
721 aid over the prior fiscal year pursuant to this section to be expended in
722 the subsequent fiscal year. If the commissioner approves such request,
723 the deferred amount shall be credited to the increase in aid for the
724 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rather than the fiscal year ending June
725 30, 2008. Such funds shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June
726 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of this section. In no case
727 shall a town be allowed to defer increases in aid required to be spent
728 for education as a result of failure to make adequate yearly progress in
729 accordance with the provisions of [this subsection. Notwithstanding
730 the provisions of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008,
731 and June 30, 2009, any town that (i) is a member of a regional school
732 district that serves only grades seven to twelve, inclusive, or grades
733 nine to twelve, inclusive, (ii) appropriates at least the minimum
734 percentage of increase in aid pursuant to the provisions of this section,
735 and (iii) has a reduced assessment from the previous fiscal year for
736 students enrolled in such regional school district, excluding debt
737 service for such students, shall be considered to be in compliance with
738 the provisions of this section] subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
739 subsection.

740 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Notwithstanding any
741 provision of chapter 172 of the general statutes, interdistrict magnet
742 schools that begin operations on or after July 1, 2008, but prior to July
743 1, 2009, pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
744 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of
745 Education, may operate without district participation agreements and
746 enroll students directly from any district. Any tuition charged to a
747 local or regional board of education by a regional educational service
748 center operating such an interdistrict magnet school shall be in an
749 amount equal to at least seventy-five per cent of the difference between
750 the estimated per pupil cost less the state magnet grant pursuant to

751 subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to the general
752 statutes, as amended by this act, and any revenue from other sources
753 as determined by the interdistrict magnet school operator. If any such
754 board of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may
755 withhold from such board's town or towns a sum payable under
756 section 10-262i of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as
757 amended by this act, in an amount not to exceed the amount of the
758 unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal
759 agent for the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation
760 of the interdistrict magnet school program.

761 (b) Any interdistrict magnet school operating in accordance with the
762 provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall establish district
763 participation agreements prior to operating the school for the 2009-
764 2010 school year.

765 Sec. 15. Subsection (d) of section 10-145h of the general statutes is
766 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
767 *1, 2008*):

768 (d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for the period
769 from July 1, 2005, to July 1, [2008] 2009, the State Board of Education
770 shall require an applicant for certification as a bilingual education
771 teacher to demonstrate competency in English and the other language
772 of instruction as a condition of certification. Competency in English
773 shall be demonstrated by successful passage of the oral proficiency test
774 in English and an essential skills test approved by the State Board of
775 Education. Oral and written competency in the other language shall be
776 demonstrated by passage of an examination, if available, of
777 comparable difficulty as specified by the Department of Education. If
778 such an examination is not available, competency shall be
779 demonstrated by an appropriate alternative method as specified by the
780 department.

781 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, for the period
782 from July 1, 2005, to July 1, [2008] 2009, the State Board of Education

783 shall require persons seeking to become (A) elementary level bilingual
784 education teachers to be certified in (i) bilingual education and achieve
785 a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board of Education
786 approved assessment for elementary education, or (ii) elementary
787 education and have completed six semester hours of credit in English
788 as a second language course work as approved by the State Board of
789 Education, and (B) secondary level bilingual education teachers to be
790 certified in (i) bilingual education and achieve a satisfactory evaluation
791 on the appropriate State Board of Education approved subject area
792 assessment, or (ii) the subject area they will teach and have completed
793 six semester hours of credit in English as a second language course
794 work as approved by the State Board of Education. Such certificates
795 shall be valid for subject-specific bilingual education. Certification in
796 elementary bilingual education shall be valid for grades kindergarten
797 to eight, inclusive, and certification in secondary subject-specific
798 bilingual education shall be valid for grades seven to twelve, inclusive.

799 Sec. 16. Section 10-262r of the general statutes is repealed and the
800 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

801 The Department of Education may establish, within available
802 appropriations, a pilot program for the use of technology in providing
803 computer-assisted writing, instruction and testing, in [the ninth and
804 tenth] grades six to twelve, inclusive, in [the] public schools, including
805 the regional vocational-technical schools. The Commissioner of
806 Education, for purposes of the program, may award grants to local and
807 regional boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools
808 for demonstration projects. Boards of education and vocational-
809 technical schools seeking to participate in the pilot program shall
810 apply to the department at such time and in such form as the
811 commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall select a diverse
812 group of participants based on the population, geographic location and
813 economic characteristics of the school district or school. Local and
814 regional boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools
815 awarded grants under the program may use grant funds for expenses
816 for computer hardware, computer software, professional development,

817 technical consulting assistance and other related activities.

818 Sec. 17. Subsection (j) of section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to
819 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
820 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

821 (j) (1) After accommodating students from participating districts in
822 accordance with [the] an approved enrollment agreement, an
823 interdistrict magnet school operator that has unused student capacity
824 may enroll directly into its program any interested student. A student
825 from a district that is not participating in [the] an interdistrict magnet
826 school or the interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to
827 section 10-266aa of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as
828 amended by this act, to an extent determined by the Commissioner of
829 Education shall be given preference. The local or regional board of
830 education otherwise responsible for educating such student shall
831 contribute funds to support the operation of the interdistrict magnet
832 school in an amount equal to the per student tuition, if any, charged to
833 participating districts.

834 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, [such tuition shall be in
835 an amount that is equal to seventy-five per cent of the difference
836 between the average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for
837 the prior fiscal year and the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
838 calculated under subsection (c) of this section. If any such board of
839 education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold
840 from such school district a sum payable under section 10-262h in an
841 amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the magnet
842 school and transfer such money to the fiscal agent for the interdistrict
843 magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the
844 interdistrict magnet school program. For purposes of calculating
845 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, "participating district"
846 includes districts whose students enroll directly in interdistrict magnet
847 schools pursuant to this subsection] any tuition charged to a local or
848 regional board of education by a regional educational service center
849 operating an interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal to

850 at least seventy-five per cent of the difference between (A) the average
851 per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year,
852 and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
853 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources
854 calculated on a per pupil basis, provided no increase in tuition charged
855 on a per pupil basis shall be more than ten per cent of that charged for
856 the previous fiscal year. If any such board of education fails to pay
857 such tuition, the commissioner may withhold from such board's town
858 or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i of the 2008 supplement
859 to the general statutes in an amount not to exceed the amount of the
860 unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal
861 agent for the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation
862 of the interdistrict magnet school program.

863 (3) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its
864 students to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at
865 least equal to the number specified in any written agreement with an
866 interdistrict magnet school operator or in a number that is at least
867 equal to the average number of students that the participating district
868 enrolled in such magnet school during the previous three school years.

869 Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
870 subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to the
871 general statutes, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30,
872 2009, the requirement that no more than seventy-five per cent of the
873 pupils attending an approved interdistrict magnet school program be
874 from a participating town and the requirement that the pupils enrolled
875 in such programs who are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in
876 section 10-226a of the general statutes, comprise at least twenty-five
877 per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the total pupil
878 enrollment shall not apply to the approved interdistrict magnet school
879 program operated by Bloomfield, provided for the fiscal year ending
880 June 30, 2008, the grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
881 section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, for said
882 program shall be reduced by fifty per cent.

883 Sec. 19. Section 10-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the
884 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

885 (a) Any local or regional board of education may enter into
886 agreements with other such boards of education to establish a regional
887 [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology education
888 center in conjunction with its regular public school system, provided
889 such center shall have a regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural
890 science and technology education consulting committee which shall
891 advise the operating board of education but shall have no legal
892 authority with respect to such center. Such agreements may include
893 matters pertaining to the admission of students, including the
894 establishment of a reasonable number of available program
895 acceptances and the criteria for program acceptance. Each board of
896 education shall appoint to said committee two representatives, who
897 have a competent knowledge of agriculture or aquaculture, as
898 appropriate, and who need not be members of such board.

899 (b) No new [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and
900 technology education center shall be approved by the State Board of
901 Education pursuant to section 10-65 of the 2008 supplement to the
902 general statutes, as amended by this act, during the three-year period
903 from July 1, 1993, to June 30, 1996, except that the State Board of
904 Education may approve such a center if it is to be operated by the
905 board of education of a local or regional school district with fifteen
906 thousand or more resident students, as defined in subdivision (19) of
907 section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. If a new
908 regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology
909 education center is established for a school district pursuant to this
910 subsection, any resident student of such school district who, during
911 the school year immediately preceding the initial operation of such
912 center, was enrolled in grades 10 to 12, inclusive, in a regional
913 [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology education
914 center operated by another local or regional board of education, may
915 continue to be enrolled in such regional [vocational agriculture]
916 agricultural science and technology education center.

917 (c) For purposes of this section and sections 10-65 of the 2008
918 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, and 10-66
919 as amended by this act, the term ["vocational agriculture"] "agricultural
920 science and technology education" includes vocational aquaculture
921 and marine-related employment.

922 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
923 [vocational agricultural training] agricultural science and technology
924 education approved by the State Board of Education shall designate a
925 school or schools having such a course approved by the State Board of
926 Education as the school which any person may attend who has
927 completed an elementary school course through the eighth grade. The
928 board of education shall pay the tuition and reasonable and necessary
929 cost of transportation of any person under twenty-one years of age
930 who is not a graduate of a high school or vocational school or an
931 agricultural science and technology center and who attends the
932 designated school, provided transportation services may be suspended
933 in accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c of the 2008
934 supplement to the general statutes. Each such board's reimbursement
935 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of
936 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning
937 July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an
938 additional twenty percentage points.

939 Sec. 20. Section 10-65 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes
940 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
941 *1, 2008*):

942 (a) Each local or regional school district operating [a vocational
943 agriculture] an agricultural science and technology education center
944 approved by the State Board of Education for program, educational
945 need, location and area to be served shall be eligible for the following
946 grants: (1) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 173, through
947 progress payments in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
948 287i, ninety-five per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing,
949 acquiring, renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used for

950 such [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology
951 education center, for the expansion or improvement of existing
952 facilities or for the replacement or improvement of equipment therein,
953 and (2) subject to the provisions of section 10-65b, as amended by this
954 act, in an amount equal to one thousand three hundred fifty-five
955 dollars per student for every secondary school student who was
956 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year.

957 (b) Each local or regional board of education not maintaining [a
958 vocational agricultural] an agricultural science and technology
959 education center shall provide opportunities for its students to enroll
960 in [such a center] one or more such centers in a number that is at least
961 equal to the number specified in any written agreement with [a
962 vocational agricultural center] each such center or centers, or in the
963 absence of such an agreement, a number that is at least equal to the
964 average number of its students that the board of education enrolled in
965 [a vocational agricultural center] each such center or centers during the
966 previous three school years, provided, in addition to such number,
967 each such board of education shall provide opportunities for its
968 students to enroll in the ninth grade in a number that is at least equal
969 to the number specified in any written agreement with each such
970 center or centers, or in the absence of such an agreement, a number
971 that is at least equal to the average number of students that the board
972 of education enrolled in the ninth grade in each such center or centers
973 during the previous three school years. If a local or regional board of
974 education provided opportunities for students to enroll in more than
975 one center for the school year commencing July 1, 2007, such board of
976 education shall continue to provide such opportunities to students in
977 accordance with this subsection. The board of education operating [a
978 vocational agriculture] an agricultural science and technology
979 education center may charge, subject to the provisions of section 10-
980 65b, as amended by this act, tuition for a school year in an amount not
981 to exceed eighty-two and five-tenths per cent of the foundation level
982 pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10-262f of the 2008 supplement
983 to the general statutes, per student for the fiscal year in which the

984 tuition is paid, except that such board may charge tuition for (1)
985 students enrolled under shared-time arrangements on a pro rata basis,
986 and (2) special education students which shall not exceed the actual
987 costs of educating such students minus the amounts received pursuant
988 to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section and subsection (c) of
989 this section. Any tuition paid by such board for special education
990 students in excess of the tuition paid for non-special-education
991 students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

992 (c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this
993 section, within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional
994 board of education operating [a vocational agriculture] an agricultural
995 science and technology education center in which more than one
996 hundred and fifty of the students in the prior school year were out-of-
997 district students shall be eligible to receive, a grant in an amount equal
998 to five hundred dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in
999 such center on October first of the previous year, (2) on and after July
1000 1, 2000, if a local or regional board of education operating [a vocational
1001 agriculture] an agricultural science and technology education center
1002 that received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, no
1003 longer qualifies for such a grant, such local or regional board of
1004 education shall receive a grant in an amount determined as follows:
1005 (A) For the first fiscal year such board of education does not qualify for
1006 a grant under said subdivision (1), a grant in the amount equal to four
1007 hundred dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in its
1008 [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology education
1009 center on October first of the previous year, (B) for the second
1010 successive fiscal year such board of education does not so qualify, a
1011 grant in an amount equal to three hundred dollars for every such
1012 secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, (C) for
1013 the third successive fiscal year such board of education does not so
1014 qualify, a grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars for every
1015 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date,
1016 and (D) for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of education
1017 does not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars

1018 for every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on
1019 said date, and (3) each local and regional board of education operating
1020 [a vocational agriculture] an agricultural science and technology
1021 education center [which] that does not receive a grant pursuant to
1022 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection shall receive a grant in an
1023 amount equal to sixty dollars for every secondary school student
1024 enrolled in such center on said date.

1025 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the
1026 grants described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated,
1027 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of
1028 education operating [a vocational agriculture] an agricultural science
1029 and technology education center shall be eligible to receive a grant in
1030 an amount equal to one hundred dollars for each student enrolled in
1031 such center on October first of the previous school year. (2) If there are
1032 any remaining funds after the amount of the grants described in
1033 subdivision (1) of this subsection are calculated, within available
1034 appropriations, each local or regional board of education operating [a
1035 vocational agriculture] an agricultural science and technology
1036 education center that had more than one hundred and fifty out-of-
1037 district students enrolled in such center on October first of the
1038 previous school year shall be eligible to receive a grant based on the
1039 ratio of the number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred
1040 and fifty out-of-district students enrolled in such center on said date to
1041 the total number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred
1042 and fifty out-of-district students enrolled in all [vocational agriculture]
1043 agricultural science and technology education centers that had in
1044 excess of one hundred and fifty out-of-district students enrolled on
1045 said date.

1046 Sec. 21. Section 10-65a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1047 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1048 (a) Each local and regional board of education which operates [a
1049 vocational agriculture] an agricultural science and technology
1050 education center shall establish and implement a five-year plan to

1051 increase racial and ethnic diversity at such center. The plan shall
1052 reasonably reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the area of the state
1053 in which the center is located.

1054 (b) Each local and regional board of education which operates [a
1055 vocational agriculture] an agricultural science and technology
1056 education center shall conduct an annual study to ascertain the
1057 educational and vocational activities in which graduates of such center
1058 are engaged five years after graduation and shall submit the study to
1059 the State Board of Education.

1060 Sec. 22. Section 10-65b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1061 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1062 A local or regional board of education [which] that operates a
1063 regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology
1064 education center shall provide to each student enrolled in such center
1065 all of the student's nonagricultural academic courses, provided [that]
1066 any such board which, on or before July 1, 1993, entered into an
1067 agreement to offer shared-time arrangements and any such board
1068 [which] that operates a regional vocational aquaculture program may
1069 offer or continue to offer such shared-time arrangements unless the
1070 Commissioner of Education determines that such shared-time
1071 arrangements are not in substantial compliance with the provisions of
1072 sections 10-64, as amended by this act, and 10-65 of the 2008
1073 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, and any
1074 regulations adopted pursuant to section 10-66, as amended by this act.
1075 For purposes of this section and said section 10-65 of the 2008
1076 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, "shared-
1077 time arrangements" means the enrollment of students in a regional
1078 [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology education
1079 center while such students receive nonagricultural academic courses in
1080 a school district under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of
1081 education other than the board of education operating such center.

1082 Sec. 23. Section 10-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1083 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1084 The State Board of Education may adopt, in accordance with the
1085 provisions of chapter 54, such regulations as are necessary to carry out
1086 the purposes of this part and to insure reasonable economy in the
1087 [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology centers.

1088 Sec. 24. Section 10-97 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes
1089 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1090 *1, 2008*):

1091 (a) The board of education of any town or, where the boards of
1092 education of constituent towns have so agreed, any regional school
1093 district shall provide the reasonable and necessary transportation,
1094 except as provided in section 10-233c of the 2008 supplement to the
1095 general statutes, for any student under twenty-one years of age who is
1096 not a graduate of a high school or vocational school and who resides
1097 with a parent or guardian in such town or regional school district or
1098 who belongs to such town, and who attends a state or state-approved
1099 vocational secondary school within such local or regional school
1100 district as a regular all-day student or as a high school cooperative
1101 student, and for any such student who attends any such school in a
1102 town other than the town of his residence. When the cost of such
1103 transportation out-of-town would exceed the sum of two hundred
1104 dollars per year, said board of education may elect to maintain such
1105 student in the town where he or she attends such vocational school
1106 and for the cost of such maintenance the local or regional school
1107 district shall be reimbursed in the same manner and to the same extent
1108 as in the case of payment for transportation. Each such board's
1109 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m of the 2008
1110 supplement to the general statutes, for expenditures in excess of eight
1111 hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1112 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an
1113 additional twenty percentage points.

1114 (b) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish

1115 [vocational agricultural training] agricultural science and technology
1116 education approved by the State Board of Education shall designate a
1117 school or schools having such a course approved by the State Board of
1118 Education as the school which any person may attend who has
1119 completed an elementary school course through the eighth grade. The
1120 board of education shall pay the tuition and reasonable and necessary
1121 cost of transportation of any person under twenty-one years of age
1122 who is not a graduate of a high school or vocational school and who
1123 attends the designated school, provided transportation services may be
1124 suspended in accordance with the provisions of section 10-233c of the
1125 2008 supplement to the general statutes. Each such board's
1126 reimbursement percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for
1127 expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in
1128 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter,
1129 shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

1130 (c) Any local or regional board of education which transports
1131 students to a state or state-approved vocational secondary school, or
1132 school furnishing [vocational agricultural training] agricultural science
1133 and technology education shall be reimbursed for a portion of such
1134 pupil transportation annually in accordance with the provisions of
1135 section 10-266m of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and the
1136 provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section relating to
1137 reimbursement percentages, provided the reimbursement for
1138 transportation costs to a school furnishing vocational agricultural
1139 training shall not exceed an amount equal to such reimbursement of
1140 the costs of transporting such pupils to the school furnishing a full
1141 program of vocational agricultural training nearest to the sending
1142 school district at the time of the pupil's initial enrollment in the
1143 program. Application for such reimbursement shall be made by the
1144 board of education to the State Board of Education at such time and in
1145 such manner as said state board prescribes. The provisions of this
1146 section shall apply to a veteran who served in time of war, as defined
1147 by section 27-103, without regard to age or whether or not such
1148 veteran resides with a parent or guardian provided such veteran is

1149 attending a state or state-approved vocational secondary school.

1150 (d) The parents or guardian of any student or any veteran over
1151 twenty-one who is denied the reasonable and necessary transportation
1152 required in this section may appeal such lack of transportation in the
1153 same manner as is provided in sections 10-186 and 10-187.

1154 (e) For purposes of this section, a local or regional board of
1155 education shall not be required to expend for transporting a student to
1156 a regional vocational-technical school or [a vocational-agriculture] an
1157 agricultural science and technology education center an amount
1158 greater than six thousand dollars, except that a board of education
1159 shall continue to pay the reasonable and necessary costs of
1160 transporting a student who is enrolled in such a school or center on
1161 July 1, 1996, until such student completes the program at such school
1162 or center.

1163 Sec. 25. Section 10-220d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1164 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1165 Each local and regional board of education shall provide full access
1166 to regional vocational-technical schools, regional [vocational
1167 agriculture] agricultural science and technology education centers,
1168 interdistrict magnet schools, charter schools and interdistrict student
1169 attendance programs for the recruitment of students attending the
1170 schools under the board's jurisdiction, provided such recruitment is
1171 not for the purpose of interscholastic athletic competition.

1172 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 10-231b of the 2008 supplement to
1173 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1174 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1175 (a) No person, other than a pesticide applicator with supervisory
1176 certification under section 22a-54 or a pesticide applicator with
1177 operational certification under section 22a-54 under the direct
1178 supervision of a supervisory pesticide applicator, may apply pesticide
1179 within any building or on the grounds of any school, other than a

1180 regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and technology
1181 education center. This section shall not apply in the case of an
1182 emergency application of pesticide to eliminate an immediate threat to
1183 human health where it is impractical to obtain the services of any such
1184 applicator provided such emergency application does not involve a
1185 restricted use pesticide, as defined in section 22a-47.

1186 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 10-231c of the general statutes is
1187 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1188 *1, 2008*):

1189 (a) As used in this section, "local or regional board of education"
1190 means a local or regional board of education that does not have an
1191 integrated pest management plan for the schools under its control that
1192 is consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the
1193 Commissioner of Environmental Protection under section 22a-66l of
1194 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and "school" means a
1195 school, other than a regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural
1196 science and technology education center, under the control of a local or
1197 regional board of education.

1198 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 10-231d of the general statutes is
1199 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1200 *1, 2008*):

1201 (a) As used in this section, "local or regional board of education"
1202 means a local or regional board of education which has an integrated
1203 pest management plan for the schools under its control that is
1204 consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the
1205 Commissioner of Environmental Protection under section 22a-66l of
1206 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and "school" means a
1207 school, other than a regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural
1208 science and technology education center, under the control of a local or
1209 regional board of education.

1210 Sec. 29. Subdivision (2) of section 10-282 of the 2008 supplement to
1211 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

1212 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1213 (2) "Secondary school building" means any public school building
1214 designed to house any combination of grades seven through twelve or
1215 any regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and
1216 technology education center established under the provisions of part
1217 IV of chapter 164, and may also include any separate combination of
1218 grades five and six or grade six with grades seven and eight in a
1219 program approved by the State Board of Education when the use of
1220 special facilities generally associated with secondary schools is an
1221 essential part of the program for all grades included in such school.

1222 Sec. 30. Subdivision (15) of section 10-282 of the 2008 supplement to
1223 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1224 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1225 (15) ["Vocational agriculture"] "Agricultural science and technology
1226 education" includes vocational aquaculture and marine-related
1227 employment.

1228 Sec. 31. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the
1229 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1230 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1231 (4) In the case of a regional [vocational agriculture] agricultural
1232 science and technology education center or the purchase of equipment
1233 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the 2008 supplement to
1234 the general statutes, as amended by this act, or a regional special
1235 education facility pursuant to section 10-76e, an amount equal to the
1236 eligible cost of such project, as determined by the Commissioner of
1237 Education.

1238 Sec. 32. Subsection (a) of section 10-287 of the 2008 supplement to
1239 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1240 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1241 (a) A grant for a school building project under this chapter to meet

1242 project costs not eligible for state financial assistance under section 10-
1243 287a shall be paid in installments, the number and time of payment of
1244 which shall correspond to the number and time of principal
1245 installment payments on municipal bonds, including principal
1246 payments to retire temporary notes renewed for the third and
1247 subsequent years pursuant to section 7-378a of the 2008 supplement to
1248 the general statutes or 7-378e, issued for the purpose of financing such
1249 costs and shall be equal to the state's share of project costs per
1250 principal installment on municipal bonds or notes, except in cases
1251 where the project has been fully paid for, in which case the number of
1252 installments shall be five or, in the case of a regional [vocational
1253 agriculture] agricultural science and technology education center or a
1254 cooperative regional special educational facility, shall be one; provided
1255 final payment shall not be made prior to an audit conducted by the
1256 State Board of Education for each project for which a final calculation
1257 was not made prior to July 31, 1983. Grants under twenty-five
1258 thousand dollars shall be paid in one lump sum. The Commissioner of
1259 Education shall certify to the State Comptroller, upon completion of
1260 the issuance of bonds or such renewal of temporary notes to finance
1261 each school building project, the dates and amounts of grant payments
1262 to be made pursuant to this chapter and the State Comptroller shall
1263 draw an order on the State Treasurer upon such certification to pay the
1264 amounts so certified when due. All site acquisition and project cost
1265 grant payments shall be made at least ten days prior to the principal
1266 payment on bonds or temporary notes related thereto or short-term
1267 financing issued to finance such site acquisition or project. Annual
1268 grant installments paid pursuant to this section on principal
1269 installment payments to retire temporary notes renewed pursuant to
1270 section 7-378a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes or 7-378e
1271 shall be based each year on the amount required to be retired pursuant
1272 to said sections, as adjusted for any ineligible project costs, and shall be
1273 paid only if at the time such temporary notes are renewed the rate of
1274 interest applicable to such notes is less than the rate of interest that
1275 would be applicable with respect to twenty-year bonds if issued at the
1276 time of such renewal. The determination related to such rates of

1277 interest pursuant to this subsection may be reviewed and shall be
1278 subject to approval by the Commissioner of Education prior to renewal
1279 of such notes. In the event that a school building project is not
1280 completed at the time bonds or temporary notes related thereto are
1281 issued to finance the project, the certification of the grant payments
1282 made pursuant to this section by the Commissioner of Education may
1283 be based on estimates, provided upon completion of such project and
1284 notification of final acceptance to the state, the Commissioner of
1285 Education shall adjust and recertify the dates and amounts of
1286 subsequent grant payments based on the state's share of final eligible
1287 costs.

1288 Sec. 33. Section 10-288a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1289 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1290 When the secondary school with which an approved [vocational
1291 agriculture] agricultural science and technology education center has
1292 been associated is to be replaced or relocated within a town or regional
1293 school district, the Commissioner of Education may require the
1294 relocation of the equipment and program in a building approximately
1295 equal to that serving as a center for [vocational agriculture]
1296 agricultural science and technology education. Such new facilities shall
1297 be included in or adjacent to the high school which is to serve the
1298 needs of the [vocational agriculture] agricultural science and
1299 technology education pupils and shall conform to requirements of the
1300 Commissioner of Education with respect to location, design and
1301 construction. Said town or regional school district may receive a grant
1302 for the construction of such replaced or relocated [vocational
1303 agriculture] agricultural science and technology education center as
1304 provided in subsection (e) of section 10-286 for a secondary regional
1305 school district or subsection (f) of section 10-286, whichever may be
1306 appropriate. Upon final approval by the Commissioner of Education of
1307 the replacement or relocation of such [vocational agriculture]
1308 agricultural science and technology education center the town or
1309 regional school district may use the facilities which had previously
1310 served as such center for such purposes as it determines advisable."

1311 Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) The unexpended balance of funds
 1312 appropriated to the Department of Education, for education
 1313 equalization grants, in section 1 of public act 07-1 of the June special
 1314 session, for the purpose described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c)
 1315 of section 10-223e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, shall
 1316 not lapse on June 30, 2008, and such funds shall continue to be
 1317 available for expenditure for such purpose during the fiscal year
 1318 ending June 30, 2009.

1319 Sec. 35. Subsection (k) of section 10-16p of the 2008 supplement to
 1320 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 1321 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1322 (k) [Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, three million
 1323 four hundred eighty-three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars of the
 1324 school readiness appropriation for priority school districts shall only
 1325 go to school readiness programs in the following towns: Bridgeport,
 1326 Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Waterbury and
 1327 Windham] Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for
 1328 this section may be allocated to the competitive grant program
 1329 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the
 1330 amount of such allocation shall be made on or before August first."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-262i(e)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-262h(a)(6)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-266p(g)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-16p(e)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-16q(b)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-266aa(n) to (q)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-264l(a) to (d)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-264i
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-66ee
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-266m(a)

Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-262i(e)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-145h(d)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-262r
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-264l(j)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-64
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-65
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-65a
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-65b
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-66
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-97
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-220d
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-231b(a)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-231c(a)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-231d(a)
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-282(2)
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-282(15)
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-286(a)(4)
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-287(a)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-288a
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-16p(k)